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FOR: OVER-WRAP BAG ENCLOSURE FOR STERILE CONNECTORS

RESPONSE

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PECENTER OS 2004 An RCE and a petition for extension of time were previously filed in the above application. To preserve the pendency of the application in the event of informalities in the RCE a Notice of Appeal is filed herewith. The period for response expires February 1, 2004 and the prior petition covers the period expiring February 1, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

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